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<b>Assignee</b>	STMicroelectronics, Inc.
<b>Group Art Unit</b>	2816
<b>Examiner</b>	Kenneth B. Wells
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COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

In response to the Notice of Allowability in this case mailed November 24, 2010, the Applicants, acting through their attorney, comment as follows. The Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing the claims. But the Applicants do not necessarily agree with the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, and respectfully submit that the claims may be allowable for other reasons.

In the event additional fees are due as a result of this document, payment for those fees are enclosed. Should further payment be required to cover such fees you are hereby authorized to charge such payment to Deposit Account No. 07-1897.

If the Examiner believes that a phone interview would be helpful, he is respectfully requested to contact the Applicants' attorney, Kevin D. Jablonski, at (425) 455-5575.

Respectfully Submitted,

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